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FRESNO

Miss Dorothy Hyde of Fresno was installed as president of the **California Medical Assistants Association** at the annual meeting of the organization held in Santa Monica May 18-19. Mrs. Nell Thomas of Riverside was elected president-elect. Dr. Samuel Sherman, president of California Medical Association, was speaker at the meeting.

LOS ANGELES

Dr. H. W. Magoun, professor of anatomy at University of California at Los Angeles School of Medicine, is the recipient of the **\$5,000 Passano Award** for 1963. The Award, established in 1943 to encourage medical science and research, went to Dr. Magoun for research concerning functions of the brain. It is supported by annual contributions from the Williams and Wilkins Company, Baltimore.

MARIN

Dr. Warren L. Bostick, former president of the California Medical Association, has been named by Governor Edmund G. Brown to serve on the **Governor's Advisory Committee on Mental Health**. Established in 1960 the Committee advises the state's chief executive on mental health goals and activities of state agencies working in this field.

SANTA CLARA

Dr. Robert A. Chase, chief of the Section of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at Yale University School of Medicine, will become executive head of the Department of Surgery at **Stanford University School of Medicine** August 1.

Appointed by the Stanford Board of Trustees at its May meeting, he succeeds Dr. Harry A. Oberhelman, Jr., acting executive for the last year.

GENERAL

The Bay Area's outstanding successful program for poliomyelitis immunization with oral vaccine was honored with the presentation of the **Silver Anvil Award to five local medical societies** and the Bay Area Medical Association Committee, by the Public Relations Society of America at ceremonies in New York last month. The program was saluted as the nation's most outstanding public interest and welfare program of 1962. It was organized by the physicians of the Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Association, Marin Medical Society, San Francisco Medical Society, San Mateo County Medical Society and Santa Clara County Medical Society, who joined to form the Bay Area Medical Association Committee.

Accepting the award for the Committee, **Dr. Edward B. Shaw**, San Francisco, who headed the program, introduced Mrs. Katharine Doyle Spann, vice president of L. C. Cole Company, San Francisco, who served as coordinator for the program.

Dr. Ralph C. Kennedy, chief of professional education at Mendocino State Hospital, has been appointed regional chief of state-local **mental health services** for Northern California programs operating under the Short-Doyle Act. Working under the Department of Mental Hygiene, Dr. Kennedy will assist the four existing community mental health programs under Short-Doyle, and will help establish new services in the 29 northern California counties making up his assigned region. The counties with which Dr. Kennedy will work are: Alpine, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, Del Norte, El Dorado, Glenn, Humboldt, Lake, Lassen, Mendocino, Modoc, Napa, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Solano, Sonoma, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, Yolo and Yuba. His headquarters will be in the Sacramento State Mental Hygiene Clinic building at 2815 O Street.

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On June 1 Blue Cross in Northern California began using the approved list of the **California Commission for the Accreditation of Nursing Homes and Related Facilities** as one of its standards for reimbursement for nursing home care, the inspecting organization announced recently. Southern California Blue Cross will begin use of the service July 1, the announcement said.

The Commission, which is sponsored by the California Medical Association, the California Hospital Association, the California Dental Association, the Southern California State Dental Association and the California Nursing Home Association, has adopted **standards of facilities and care** and upon request from a nursing home will make an inspection for purposes of accreditation.

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New officers of the California Physicians' Service-Blue Shield Board of Trustees were installed in May.

Paul I. Hoagland, M.D., of Pasadena was elected chairman of the board. He assumed the duties of former Chairman John G. Morrison, M.D., of San Leandro, who left the CPS board of trustees after serving the maximum term allowed by CPS by-laws.

Other newly elected officers are Burt L. Davis, M.D., of Palo Alto, vice chairman; John E. Vaughan, M.D., of Bakersfield, secretary; Warren L. Bostick, M.D., of San Rafael, assistant secretary; Angus C. McDonald, M.D., of Huntington Park, treasurer; and Mr. John Cowee of Berkeley, assistant treasurer.

The CPS Board of Trustees is the 19-member governing body of the million member California Blue Shield health plan which paid out more than \$50 million to physicians and hospitals for services rendered to members last year.

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Hearings to consider proposed regulations to **prohibit the prescription**, administration, sale or other distribution of beta-cyanogenetic glucosides ("Laetriles") in the diagnosis, treatment, alleviation or cure of cancer will be held by the California State Board of Public Health late this month in Los Angeles and San Francisco. The Los Angeles hearings will begin at 9:30 a.m. June 26 in Room 1138 State Office Building, 107 So. Broadway. Hearings in San Francisco will begin at the same hour on June 28 in Room 1194 State Building Annex, 455 Golden Gate Avenue. Such hearings shall be pursuant to Section 11425 of the Government Code.

The proposed regulations on which the hearings are to be held were developed upon the advice of the Cancer Advisory Council of the California State Department of Public Health.

Persons interested in the proposed regulations are invited by the Health Department to attend the hearings.